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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing crack cocaine.

**Clinnon White**, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to six years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On June 2, 2000, **White** pleaded guilty to the indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Dec. 15, 1999. **White** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute crack cocaine in the Kansas City area between Nov. 1, 1997 and April 21, 1999. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **White** also agreed to forfeit to the United States \$136,507 that was derived from the proceeds of that offense.

**White** distributed at least 15 kilograms, and as much as 50 kilograms, of cocaine in the Kansas City area during the time frame of the indictment, Graves said. Some or all of that cocaine was processed into crack.

**White** also admitted that he carried a weapon in furtherance of his drug activity. According to Graves, **White** was an organizer of drug trafficking activity, and often had large amounts of cash. A search warrant was executed at **White's** south Kansas City home on April 21, 1999, at which time law enforcement officers discovered the \$136,507 that was derived from the sale of crack cocaine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregg R. Coonrod. The case was investigated by the U.S. Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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